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Was Incorporated as Follows:

CHAPTER 37

An Ordinance to Incorporate The Chinook Club of the Town of Lethbridge

(Assented to June 12, 1901.)

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named and others in the town of Lethbridge and vicinity have associated themselves together for the establishment of a club for social purposes; and

Whereas the said persons hereinafter named have prayed to be incorporated by the name of "The Chinook Club" of the town of Lethbridge in the North-West Territories and it is expedient to grant their prayer.

Therefore the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Territories enacts as follows:

1. Thomas D. Kevin, P. L. Nai-

smith, William Colpman, Frank Colpman, John L. Stovall, George W. Robinson, Charles Broughton Bowman, Henry Bentley, Maurice Barford, C. F. P. Conybeare, Robert F. Reeve, Francis Hamilton Mewburn, Leverett George DeVeber, Thomas F. Kirkham, Colin J. Atkinson, A. J. Fraser, G. H. Garden, Howell Harris, J. E. Lethbridge, E. Cameron, Charles A. Magrath, A. M. Grace and all such other persons as are now or hereinafter shall become members of the said association shall be and are hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic in deed and in name by the name of "The Chinook Club"; and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and shall have power from time to time and at all times hereafter to be able and capable to purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy and to have, take and receive to them and their successors to and for the actual use of the said corporation any lands, tenements, hereditments and real and immovable property and estate situate, lying and being within the said town of Lethbridge, and the same to sell, alienate, exchange and otherwise dispose of or incumber whensoever the said

corporation shall deem it proper so to do; and by the said name shall and may be capable to be sued, implead, and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any matter whatsoever.

2. The constitution, rules and regulations touching the administration of the said corporation shall be formulated at a general meeting thereof called for that purpose and of which at least ten days' notice shall be given by public advertisement or otherwise to all the members thereof; and the constitution, rules and regulations then adopted shall have full force and effect in so far as the same shall not be inconsistent with the laws in force in the Territories and the provisions of this Ordinance.

Provided always that the said corporation may from time to time alter, repeal and change such constitution rules and regulations in the manner therein provided.

3. The said corporation may from time to time borrow money not to exceed in the whole the sum of \$25,000 at such rate of interest and upon such terms as they may deem proper; and

may for such purpose make, execute or issue any mortgages, bonds, debentures or other instruments under the seal of the said corporation.

4. Any such mortgages, bond, debenture or other instrument shall be signed by the president of the said corporation and countersigned by the secretary.

5. The moneys authorized to be raised under the provisions of section 3 of this Ordinance shall be applied exclusively in the purchase of a site for the club buildings and in the purchase improvement or erection of a club house and dependencies thereon together with necessary furniture, or for the purchase of any freehold interest therein and in the payment of any mortgage or charge thereon and for the redemption of the said debentures and reissues as they become due respectively from time to time and at all times.

6. No member of the corporation shall be in any way liable for or chargeable with the payment of any debt or demand due by the said corporation beyond the extent of the entrance fee and annual subscriptions

remaining unpaid by said member and for any unpaid accounts he may have incurred to the corporation for articles ordered by him in said club; and any member of the said club not so indebted to the said corporation may retire therefrom and will cease to be a member on giving notice to that effect in such form as may be required by the constitution, rules and regulations of the said club and thenceforth shall be free from liability for any debt or engagement of the corporation.

7. The said corporation shall have power to draw, make, accept and endorse all bills of exchange and promissory notes necessary for the purposes of the said corporation under the hands of the president and secretary thereof after authority of the committee of the said corporation so to do; and in no case shall it be necessary that the seal of the corporation be affixed to any such bill or note nor shall the president or secretary be individually liable or responsible therefor:

Provided that nothing herein contained shall be constructed to authorise the corporation to issue notes or bills of exchange payable to bearer or

intended to be circulated as money or as notes or bills of a bank.

8. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the said corporation shall have power to rent any portions of the real estate held by the said corporation upon such terms and for such period as may be agreed upon.

9. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Chinook Club Ordinance."



The Following By-Laws

AND REGULATIONS

**Were Read and Confirmed at the
Annual Meeting of the Club**

January 25th, 1912

Name

1. This Association shall be known as "The Chinook Club".

Politics and Religion

2. Politics and religious questions of every description shall be absolutely excluded from discussion in the club.

Candidates

3 (a) The membership of the Club shall be confined to men only, of the full age of 21 years.

Proposer and Second to Notify Secretary

(b) It shall be the duty of the proposer and seconder of any new member to notify the Secretary by letter of such proposal.

(c) Each candidate for admission shall be proposed in writing and his name be submitted to the committee, who shall have the right to accept or reject such proposal. On acceptance,

same shall be inserted in the book of candidates and signed by both mover and seconder; and shall be ballotted for at any ballot that may take place after the lapse of 30 days from the time of such proposal, provided the name of the candidate and his proposer and seconder have been posted in the Entrance Hall by the Secretary at least 30 days before the day of the ballot. Provided also that the name of any candidate who has not been a resident of the city of Lethbridge for six months shall be posted 90 days before the ballot is taken such candidate may, however, be accepted as a visitor in the meantime at the discretion of the Committee.

Ballot

4. (a) No ballot shall be valid unless 10 members actually ballot; and one black ball in 10 shall exclude.

Rules of Ballot

(b) The ballot shall take place in the club rooms between the hours of 10 a.m., and 12 p.m. on the first Wednesday in each month.

Resident Members; Entrance and Subscription

5. The entrance fee shall be \$75.00, and shall be handed to the Secretary

at the time of proposal, and in case of non-election of the candidate it shall be returned. The annual subscription shall be \$36.00, payable quarterly in advance on the 1st of January, April, July and October, of each year, beginning on the 1st of April, 1912.

Non-Resident Members

6. Members who have paid the full entrance fee, who neither reside in nor have a place of business within 15 miles of the City of Lethbridge, may have their names placed upon a list of non-resident members and shall have all the rights and privileges of the club on payment of \$15.00 annually, payable quarterly in advance. The word "year" used in these By-laws and in the rules shall mean the Club year, commencing the first day of January.

Supernumerary Members

7. Any member who may be absent from the Province of Alberta, during the whole period for which the annual subscription is payable, may be considered as a supernumerary member, and be exempted from the annual subscription during the continuance of such absence, and shall pay in lieu

thereof the sum of \$5.00 per annum; but any member availing himself of this indulgence must notify the same by letter to the Secretary, who shall insert his name in the list of Supernumerary Members. Any such member shall be readmitted to all his privileges upon his return being notified in writing to the Secretary (such notification being given within one month of his return to the Province of Alberta) and upon payment of his subscription for the then current quarter and failing in such notification and payment, such member shall be considered as having withdrawn himself from the Club.

Privileged Members

8. (a) Officers in His Majesty's Army and Navy, and persons holding military and civil appointments under the Imperial Government who may be stationed in Canada for an indefinite period, and officers of His Majesty's Active Militia permanent force of the Dominion of Canada, and officers of the Royal North-West Mounted Police, and any other persons who shall satisfy the Committee that their residence in the Province of Alberta is temporary and precarious, and subject to be terminated by the occur-

rence of circumstances beyond their control, shall be eligible for election as members without payment of entrance fee, but subject to the payment in advance of a quarterly subscription of \$15.00 to cover the three months (or any part thereof) terminating the 1st day of January, April, July or October, and to the By-laws and Regulations of the club generally; such members to be denominated "Privileged Members" and to enjoy all the advantages of the club, except that of being elected members of the committee, or voting in any way in the affairs of the club. Privileged members shall be balloted for by the committee and not by the club. One week's notice of ballot by posting in the Entrance Hall shall be sufficient, and one black ball in seven shall exclude.

(b) Every candidate proposed as a privileged member shall be stated to be so on the list of candidates for election, which is posted in the Entrance Hall.

(c) The right to privileged membership may be with-drawn at the discretion of the Committee at the end of any quarter of the club year.

(d) A privileged member pay more per year, as dues, than a resident

member and at any time when this excess amounts to as much as the resident member's entrance fee, the Privileged member may become a resident member by making request for the same to the committee.

New Members

9. (a) On the admission of each new member, the Secretary shall notify the same to him and furnish him with a printed copy of the By-laws and Regulations, and request him to remit the amount of his subscription.

(b) No newly elected member shall be permitted to use the Club House or exercise any right or privilege of membership until his first subscription in addition to his entrance fee shall be paid.

Members Must Pay Before Voting

10. No member shall be admitted to vote on any occasion whatever, or enjoy any of the privileges of the Club, until he shall have paid whatever entrance fee or subscription shall be due by him.

Members Failing to Pay on Admission

11. On any member failing to pay his entrance fee or subscription within six weeks after his admission, if he reside in Canada, the Secretary shall

report accordingly to the Committee, who shall cause his name to be erased from the list of members, unless the delay can be justified to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Members Failing to Pay Subscription

12. No member shall be permitted to enter or use the Club House, whose subscription is one month in arrear.

Payments to be Made to Secretary-Treasurer

13. All entrance fees and quarterly subscriptions shall be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Resignation of Members

14. Any member whose dues and Club bills are all paid shall be at liberty to withdraw from the Club on his written application to that effect sent in to the Committee before the expiration of the period for which his subscription has been paid.

Member Leaving Forfeits all Claim

15. Any member who shall withdraw, resign or be expelled shall cease to be a member of the Club, and shall forfeit ipso facto all right or claim thereon or in or to its property or funds, and any member who shall be expelled shall forever thereafter be

ineligible to be re-admitted a member of the Club.

Expulsion of Members

16. (a) Any member wilfully infringing the By-laws or any of the Regulations of the club shall be liable to suspension or expulsion by a vote of at least six of the Committee present at any meeting specially held for that purpose, reasonable notice of such meeting being previously given to such member.

(b) If any member be guilty of conduct which in the opinion of the Committee, or of any ten members who shall certify the same in writing, is detrimental to the character or interests of the Club, the Committee shall summon such member to appear before them to explain such conduct, and if he neglect to appear before the Committee or having appeared, shall fail to satisfy the Committee, the Committee may suspend such member from the privileges of the Club for a period not exceeding two months (but no such action shall be taken by the Committee unless at least six of their members are present), or the Committee may call an extraordinary meeting of the Club to consider the matter, and it shall be competent for

such meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present thereat, to suspend or expel such member from the Club.

Introducing Friends

17. (a) Any member shall have the privilege of introducing friends who do not reside within 15 miles of Lethbridge (or whose residence within that limit has not extended over 30 days) for a period not exceeding two weeks; but the number of days for which any person shall be admitted free of charge to the privileges of the Club under this rule shall not aggregate more than fifteen in any year. Any person so introduced shall, however, be eligible for a further period of one month on payment of \$5.00 provided that the name of such person be (with the written recommendation of two ordinary members) submitted to the Committee and such privilege may be extended from month to month on the conditions named.

(b) The Committee are, however, empowered to alter this rule temporarily on special occasions on the written application of any three members.

(c) Persons introduced shall have all the privileges of the Club, except as to admission of guests or voting.

(d) The names and addresses of all Visitors shall be entered in a book kept in the Hall of the Club, for the purpose and no Visitor shall be taken into any of the rooms of the Club until such entry has been made.

(e) The Visitor introduced shall conform to all regulations governing members, whilst on the premises, and the member introducing a Visitor shall be responsible for the behavior and any account of such Visitor.

(f) No member shall under any circumstances introduce into the Club as a Visitor anyone who has been an unsuccessful candidate for admission as a member, or whose membership is suspended or cancelled or anyone who has at any time in the opinion of the Committee abused the privileges of the Club.

No Visitors Admitted

18. With the exception of friends introduced under the last rule, no person who is not a member shall be admitted to the premises of the Club at any time except to view the house, and he must then be accompanied by a member. An exception to this rule may, at the discretion of the Committee, be made in the case of the Strangers' Room.

Officers and Committees

19. (a) The officers of the Club shall consist of a President and Vice-President, who shall be elected at the annual meeting in each year and a Secretary to be appointed as hereinafter provided.

(b) The Club shall be governed by a committee to consist of the President and Vice-President and seven other members, of whom at the election to be held in 1912 four shall be elected to serve for two years and three for one year; at the next annual meeting three shall be elected to serve for two years and thereafter four shall be elected in the one year and three in the next.

(c) At the first meeting of the Committee following the annual election it shall appoint a Secretary, who need not be a member of the Club and determine his remuneration. The Secretary shall be ex officio treasurer of the Club.

(d) The said committee shall have full power to make such rules and regulations from time to time as they may think fit, not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations.

(e) No member shall be eligible for

election as President or Vice-President or to the committee unless he has been nominated and seconded by written nomination delivered to the Secretary at least ten days before the annual meeting, and the Secretary shall forthwith upon receipt of the same post in the Entrance Hall notice thereof giving the name of the candidate and of his mover and seconder.

(f) If any member of the Committee shall be absent from three consecutive monthly meetings of the Committee the Committee shall have power to remove such member.

(g) If any member elected to serve on the Committee shall resign or be removed, or should a vacancy occur, the Committee shall have power to choose a qualified member to act in his stead until the annual meeting next ensuing, when the member so chosen shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election. Should a vacancy occur by reason of the action of the members in annual meeting, the members shall at the same meeting fill the vacancy.

Monthly Meetings

20. The Committee shall meet at least once a month on a stated day to transact current business and to

audit the accounts of the preceding month. Five shall form a quorum.

Infraction of Rules

21. It shall be the duty of the Committee to take immediate cognizance of any infraction of the By-laws or Regulations of the Club.

Annual Meetings

22. (a) The annual meeting of the Club shall be held on the last Thursday in January for the purpose of electing the President and Vice-President and the Committee for the succeeding year, at which meeting it shall be the duty of the Committee to present a report and abstract of the state of accounts and general concerns of the Club for the past year, together with an estimate of the receipts and disbursements of the current year; and the chair shall be taken at all meetings at 8 o'clock in the evening.

(b) A quorum of ten qualified members shall be necessary to constitute any annual or special general meeting of the Club.

Extraordinary Meetings

23. The Committee shall have power at all times to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Club—and the Committee shall con-

vene such a meeting of the Club on a written requisition of any ten qualified members—on giving ten days' notice, to be posted up during that period in the Entrance Hall of the Club and of which every member shall be given written notice thereof, specifying the object of such meeting in the form of a resolution; at such meeting no subject shall be discussed beyond that specified in the notice.

House Hours

24. The Club shall open every day for the reception of members at 8 o'clock a.m. (9 a.m. Sundays) and shall be closed and the lights extinguished at 1 a. m.

No Profits or Gratuities

25. No member shall on any pretence or in any manner whatsoever receive any profit, salary or emolument from the funds of the Club, nor shall any member give any money or gratuity to any servants of the establishment upon any pretence whatsoever, it being understood that this rule is not intended to preclude any member of the Club from selling property or goods or stocks or any other money securities to the Club, or buying any of the same from the Club, or to pre-

clude the Committee from remunerating the Secretary for his services.

Papers, Etc.

26. No member shall take away from the Club, upon any pretence whatsoever, any newspaper, pamphlet book, map or other article, the property of the institution, or mutilate or deface the same.

Complaints and Servants

27. (a) Any cause of complaint that may arise is to be written and signed by the members complaining, which complaint must be specially noticed by the Committee at a regular meeting; members must not reprimand the servants, but any inattention or improper conduct of the servants is to be stated by letter, over the signature of such member, which being put in the Secretary's box must be laid before the Committee at their next meeting.

(b) No servant of the Club shall be sent out of the house by any person (except the Secretary) upon any errand whatever.

(c) No member of the Club (other than the Secretary, and members of the Committee on business) shall be allowed to enter the Steward's room or servants rooms and in case of any

infringement of this rule, the Secretary shall notify the member or members so offending and upon a second infringement the Committee are hereby empowered to suspend such member or members.

Payment of Bills

28. (a) Any member who does not pay his indebtedness incurred in in the Club before he leaves the house, shall pay his bill at the end of each month.

(b) The Committee shall on the 10th day of each month cause to be posted in the Entrance Hall the names of members in arrears for the previous month; and any member so posted, who fails to pay his bill by the end of the then current month, shall be liable to suspension or expulsion under Rule 16 of the By-laws.

(c) A member while posted shall not be entitled to any credit, but shall be entitled to the use of the Club until his case is dealt with by the Committee, and the Secretary shall notify any member posted, by letter, to the effect that he has been posted.

(d) Any member giving a cheque which is dishonored or neglecting to pay his Club bill may be called upon by the Committee to resign.

Games

29. All games played on the Club premises shall be regulated by the Committee.

Dogs

30. No member is on any account to bring a dog into the Club house.

Alterations in Constitution

31. Any article of these Bylaws and Regulations may be altered, amended or suspended for any range of time by consent of two-thirds of the members present at any general meeting specially convened for that purpose, or at the annual general meeting; provided that such alteration, amendment or suspension shall have been specified in the notice summoning such meeting. And provided further that if such alteration, amendment or suspension is to be submitted for consideration at the annual general meeting, notice of the same in the form of a resolution shall be delivered to the Secretary in writing by the mover and seconder thereof at least ten days before the date of the annual general meeting, and the Secretary shall forthwith post the same in the Entrance Hall.

Printing

32. The Rules and Regulations of the Club shall be printed, and a copy sent to each member, who shall leave his address with the Secretary.

33. All by-laws, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, providing that all persons who are members of the Club at the time of the passing hereof shall be held to be members thereof under and subject to the provisions hereof.

34. The Seal of the Club shall be circular, in its centre a group of mountains rising from the prairie, with the sun setting behind the mountains, surrounded by the words The Chinook Club, Lethbridge, Incorporated 1901.



